Ophelia’s History

Queen Nut was the ruler of all the highlands in Ophelia, she protected the mountaintops that rose high in the sky and kissed the sun. They say she was a beautiful woman, with a kind heart who believed her love should be shared. Never wanting to tie herself to only one lover, she took to bed many, eventually finding her womb was sown with three men's seeds. One of which was her brother Geb, King of the grasslands, whom she loved dearly. Her second lover was Thoth, known in the land as the man with the magic mouth, he could compel others to do anything he said, making him very dangerous, and enviable by all the kings, queens, and lords. Lastly, she loved Re. He was known as the creator, and lord of the sun. She and Re were close in proximity, and they met frequently, making love while bathing in the sun.

Her lovers were aware she bedded others, but that did not stop Re from becoming jealous and angry with Nut. When he discovered she was with child he was ecstatic, but Nut was honest with him explaining that all the babies within her may not be his. This angered Re, causing his jealous heart to control his actions, he knew she would be going to the wizard Inuk, a lonely man with no family of his own, to find out how many children were inside of her, and who they belonged to. Re asked the Queen’s midwife to distract her, allowing time for him to sneak off to see Inuk. He bribed the wizard, telling him he’d create a wife for him made from the beautiful rays of the sun if he would slip her the curse he'd made in his lair. The wizard agreed, though feeling guilty for possibly hurting the Queen. Re had made an evil potion imbued with a bad spirit, Nut would drink it, unaware the spirit would be infiltrating her womb, poisoning one of her unborn children, cursing them to a life of evil.

Queen Nut finally made it to the wizard, he instructed her to drink the potion, so he could use his magic to see clearly into her belly. Nut did as she was told, trusting Inuk, who was quivering with guilt. As he used his magic to look within her womb, he saw the spirit had taken residence in the baby with the most aggressive spirit. His guilty heart broke, knowing what he had done, but he did not admit his wrongdoings for fear the Lord of the Sun would not give him his wife. Instead, he told the queen she wanted to know

and warned that inside her was a child destined for evil, filling her heart with grief and sorrow. She asked if he knew more, but Inuk insisted that was all he could tell her. Queen Nut rushed to Thoth, begging him for help, she wanted to know what baby would be evil, in hopes she could curb his nature. Thoth agreed, he loved her so and would do anything to help his queen, so he used his magic words to confirm the son born on the third day was the one to whom the evil spirit would belong.

Time came to pass, and Nut gave birth to five children, two sons from Re, Osiris, Lord of Earth born on the first day and Horus the elder born on the second. The third day came, and she birthed a son as Thoth had prophesied, she named him Set, he did, in fact, have the aggressive spirit Inuk said he'd possess. Set was one of two children from Geb, the other was named Nephthys, born on the fifth day, the two would be married over time. Nut birthed the child gifted to her from Thoth, on the fourth day, naming her Isis, Lady of the Green Crops. As the children grew, they spent time with both Queen Nut and their fathers. Thoth was the smartest and Isis inherited his intelligence, so he taught her many lessons of magic. Osiris became King of all Ophelia and married Isis. Set envied him, his bad spirit was malicious and jealous. Queen Nut had not been able to avoid Re's curse, as she grew old and passed on Set's evil spirit grew stronger.

King Osiris would travel through Ophelia teaching his people about farming and how to worship the Gods. While he traveled Set plotted to kill and overthrow his brother, wanting the kingdom for himself. When Osiris finally returned from his travels Set invited his brother over for a feast, he gathered the people of Ophelia who secretly despised the king and asked them to help him to rid the kingdom of his brother for good, he disguised them as servants. Set gave his brother a feast worthy of a god, Osiris ate till his belly was nice and full, unknowing of the trickery that was happening. Once he'd gotten his brother nice and full, he presented him with a gift, a box he said would help him sleep away all the food and exhaustion from his travels. Osiris trusted his brother and laid down in the box, only for the servants to trap him inside, suffocating him to death. Set was thrilled, his plan had worked, he floated the box with

his dead brother down the river near his palace, and it carried him to a far-off land where no one could find him.

When Isis was told of the death of her love, Osiris she was angry, heartbroken. She embarked on a journey to find his body; her mourning and grief had overtaken her heart and he was all she could think about. Isis searched far and wide, asking the people of Ophelia if they'd seen the box, desperate to be reunited with her love. Finally, a group of young women in a neighboring kingdom admitted they knew where his body was, informing her it had washed ashore on a deserted island. She thanked the women, gifting them treasures and seeds for them to sow in their lands assuring them green crops would grow. Isis was unsure how she would get to Osiris on the deserted island, but to her luck, the women were handmaidens to Queen Astarte, King Melcarthus's wife. She begged her husband to help the kind woman who'd gifted them the crops; he agreed, sending a boat to Isis, allowing her to sail across the waters to her love.

When Isis arrived on the island she worked quickly, overflowing with joy she flung the box open embracing her husband's lifeless body. She used the magic taught to her by her father to breathe life into her husband, but only long enough for him to impregnate her. She kissed her great love goodbye and buried his body deep in the forests of the island where he would be undisturbed allowing his soul to move onto the afterlife.

Isis took the boat back to Ophelia, when she returned her belly had grown large, and she was mere weeks from birthing her son. She did not tell her brother of her return, allowing him to think he had won the battle, but she was prepared for war. Thoth kept Isis hidden from Set until she birthed her child, whom she named Horus. Thoth protected both Horus, knowing Set would attempt to claim his life if he ever found out he was a son of Osiris. Isis returned to Ophelia, entrusting her father with her son's safety allowing him to raise him to be strong, he was to defeat Set and become King of Ophelia, avenging his father. The time finally came for Horus to battle Set, and so they did, long and hard their war continued for years. Set

grew tired of fighting, he returned to the wizard who helped Re curse his mother and asked for some of his magic, so that he may defeat Horus. The wizard was too old and weak to help, so Set killed him, stealing the last bit of his magic from his life force. He challenged Horus to a final battle,

“Come, nephew, battle me here and now, this will be our last battle,” he said.

“The winner will be the King of Ophelia, the loser will be sent to the afterlife to rest peacefully with Osiris,” he proclaimed with a sinister smile. Isis overheard the deal given by Set, her grief overcame her heart again, and she threw the fight. She used her magic words to stop Horus right before beheading Set.

“No, my son, lay down your sword!” Her silver tongue spoke clearly, Horus was unable to resist and in one swift movement, Set struck Horus down, winning the battle. Isis fell to the ground, shocked by her actions, she had allowed her brother to kill her son, her husband’s death had been for nothing. She called on her father begging for his help, Thoth came to her aid quickly, he told his daughter he could not bring Horus back, but he could put her in deep slumber, allowing for a painless death. Isis agreed laying down next to her son’s headless body, her father spoke over her body letting her drift away painlessly as promised. Set was thrilled, he was finally King of Ophelia without worry of being overthrown. Thoth had overheard the promise he made, he knew that Set had killed Inuk and stolen his magic.

“Set, you must honor your promise, send Isis and Horus to the afterlife with their father and husband, or I will curse you to the afterlife of the damned,” said Thoth. Set begrudgingly agreed and used his stolen magic to send Isis and Horus souls to the afterlife. The family was reunited, their souls at ease. Set ruled Ophelia for years without fear of being overthrown, until a son of Horus appeared and challenged him to a duel, ready to avenge his father and grandfather’s life. The son was taught by Thoth, and he used his magic tongue to walk Set off a cliff, killing him instantly. The boy was named after his father, Horus, he became King of all Ophelia as his father before him was destined, and all was right in the kingdom.